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**TRUE
COMPANIONS**

PART THREE

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

TRUE COMPANIONS Part Three

When Spider-Man tangled with the size-changing monster known as **GOG** before, it always seemed more like Gog was being loyal to a bad master than that it was inherently bad. Spidey's having a hard time convincing Boomerang of Gog's goodness right now, though. They were in the sewer retrieving the last segment of the extraordinarily powerful Lifeline Tablet before the already-too-powerful Mayor "Kingpin" Fisk could get it, when Gog attacked! In fact, Kingpin knew the tablet had a guardian, and is hoping Gog'll take care of his rivals. What none of them know is that guarding the tablet is Gog's sacred duty, bestowed by the mother of an alien boy who died in battle--the boy who loved Gog.

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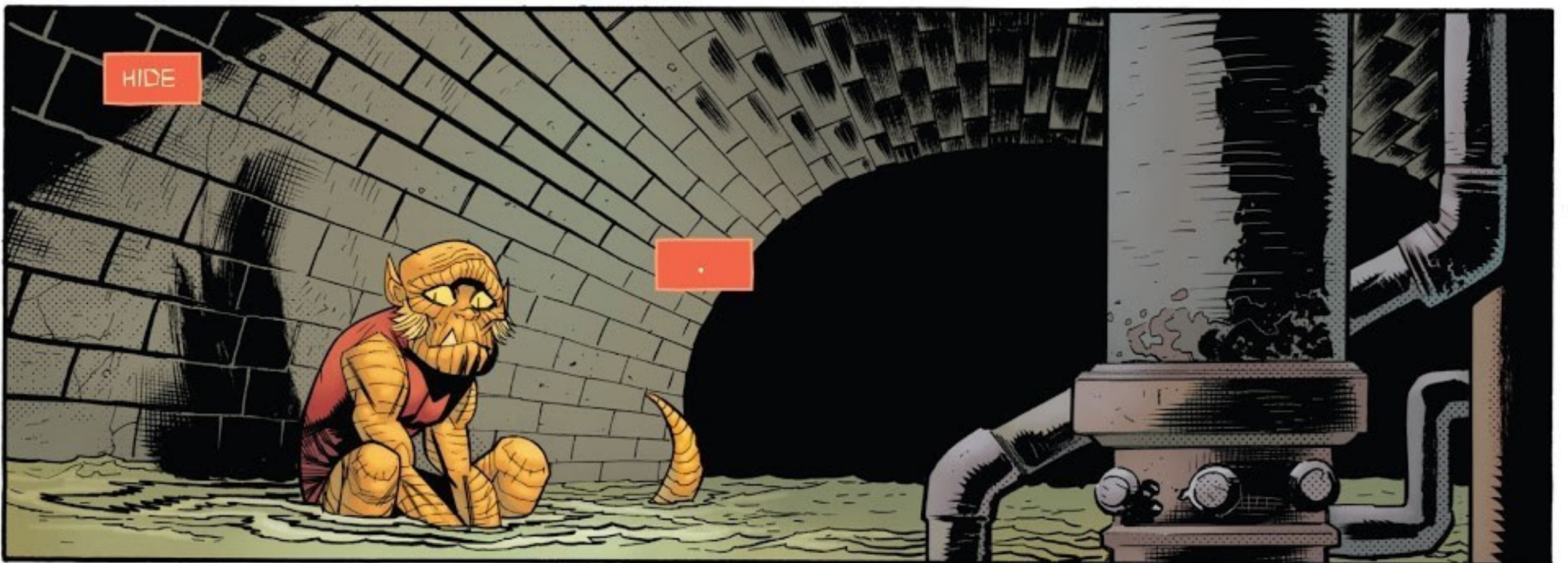
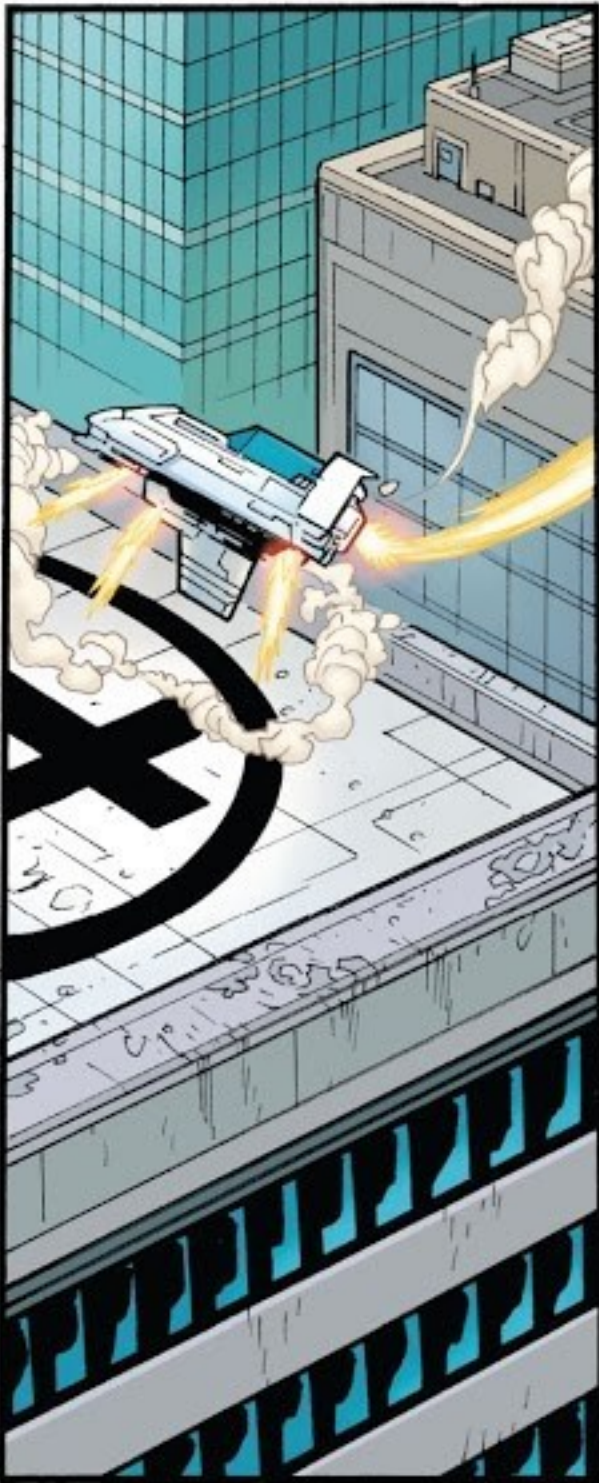
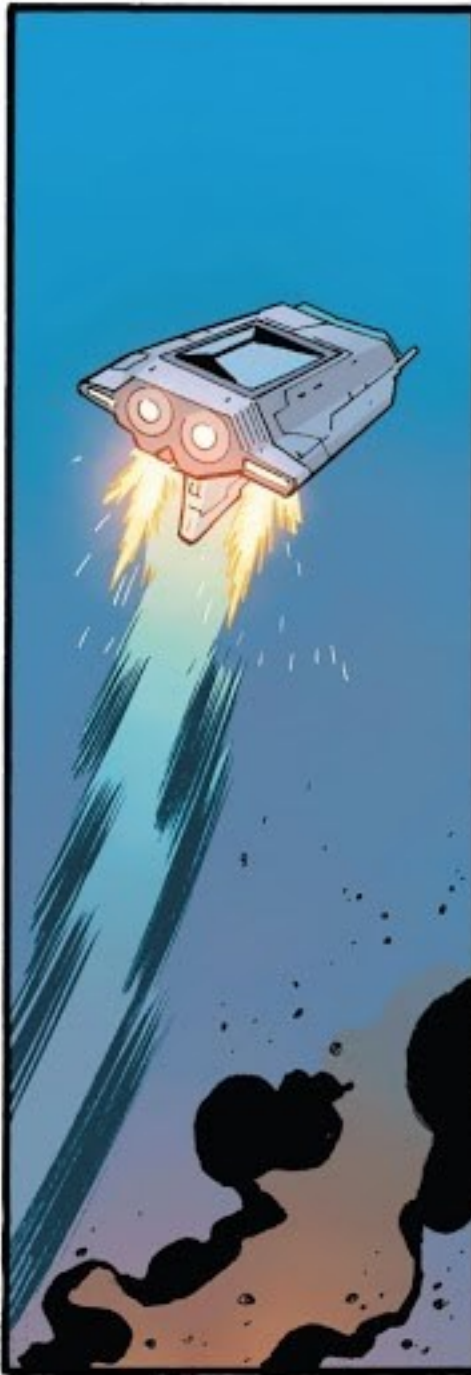
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NOW.

CAN'T FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S *MOST*
WRONG WITH THIS
PICTURE.

IS IT THAT MY
SCAVENGER HUNT
FOR THE *LIFELINE*
TABLET HAS ENDED
IN DISASTER?

THAT *GOG* IS
SOMEHOW BACK
ON THE SCENE
AND MADDER
THAN EVER?

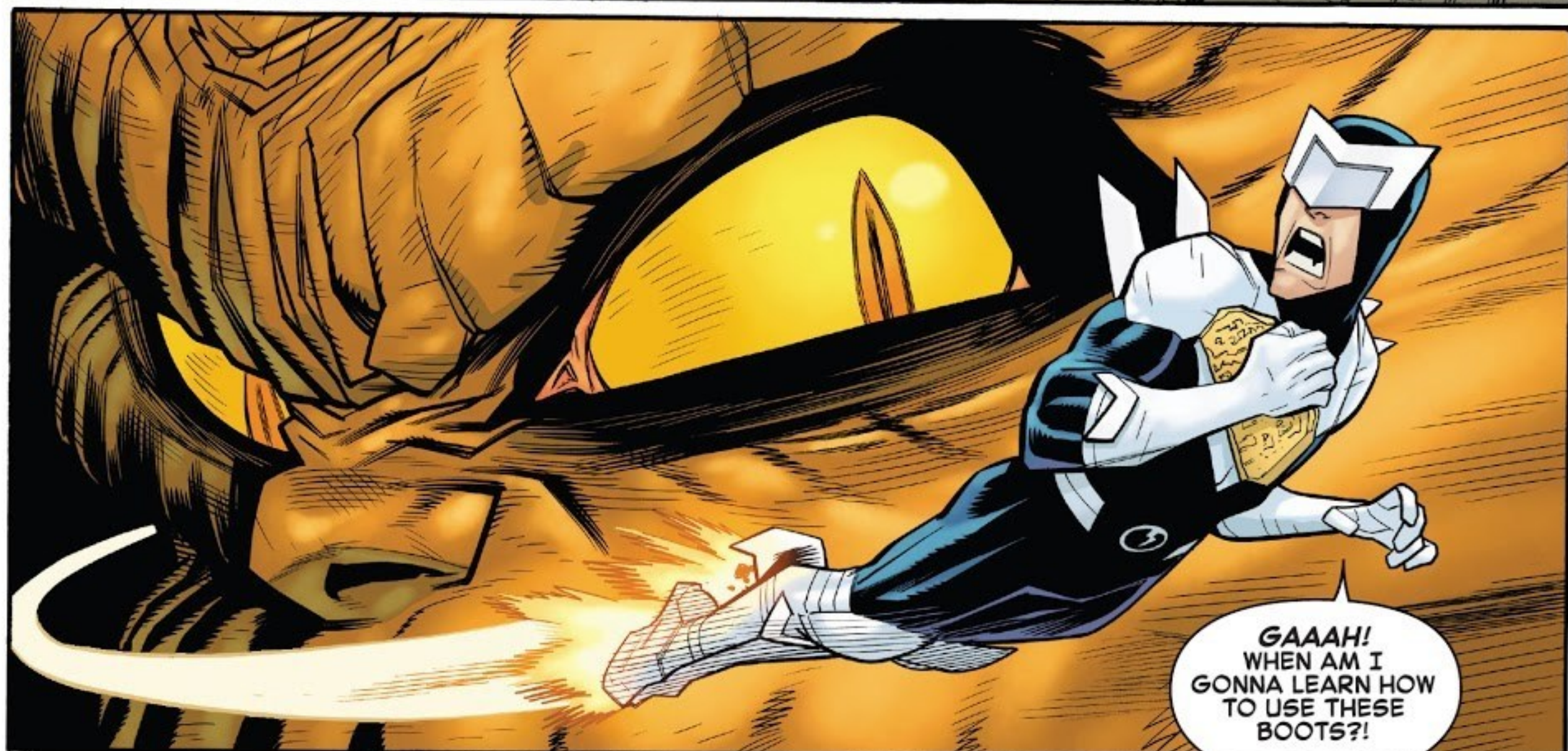
OKAY,
SERIOUSLY--
ANY IDEAS?

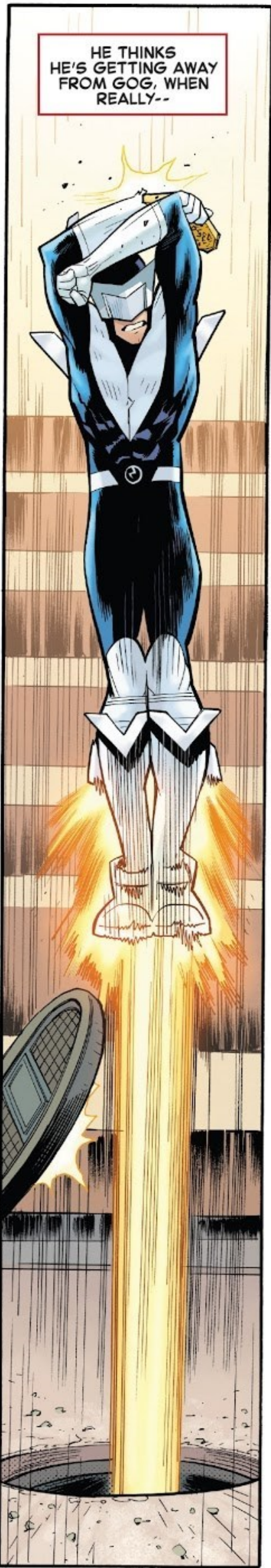
OH, I
GOT AN IDEA--
WE GOT WHAT
WE CAME
FOR--

OR, WORST OF ALL,
THAT IN THE FACE
OF ALL THIS, THE
PERSON I HAVE TO
COUNT ON--IS
BOOMERANG?!



--NOW
RUN!





--HE'S JUST LEADING HIM RIGHT TO THE SURFACE!



MOVE FAST, SPIDEY.



A GIANT MONSTER IS ATTACKING NEW YORK AND IT'S YOUR FAULT!



FINE, MAYBE IT'S BOOMERANG'S FAULT MOSTLY, BUT I HAVE A COMPLEX.



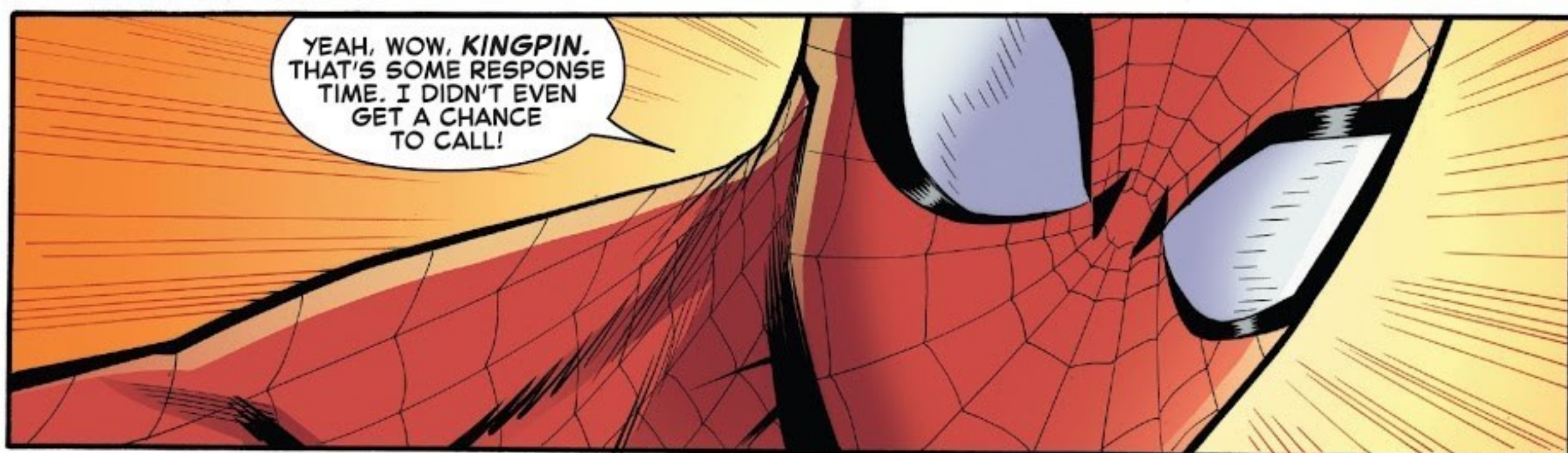
EITHER WAY, PEOPLE NEED SAVING...



...AND NO ONE ELSE IS GONNA BE THERE TO--



SPIDER-MAN! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY--





--SEEING KINGPIN'S MEN TURN THEIR GUNS ON GOG TELLS ME EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW.

I CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN.



SURE, HE'S A GIANT MONSTER. BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT--



--HE'S MY GIANT MONSTER.



I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT THAT FACE!



DON'T WORRY, SPIDER-MAN! MY MEN WILL TERMINATE THIS TERRIBLE BEAST-- WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE! SOON THE STREETS WILL BE SAFE--



APPRECIATE THE OFFER, FISKY. BUT I THINK I GOT HIM--

THWIP



OOPS, MISSED.

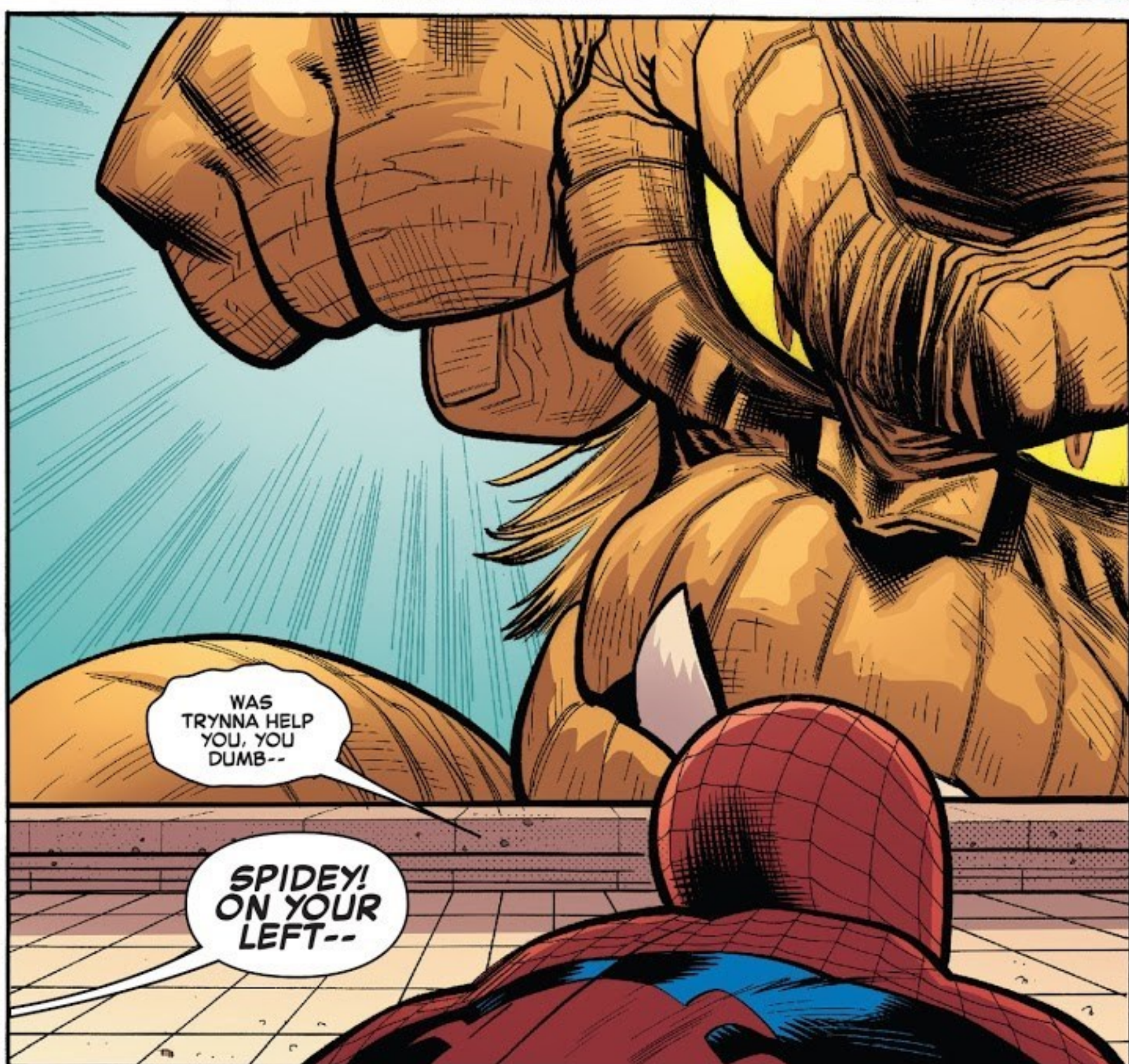
THWIP



GAH. MISSED AGAIN.

THWIP















I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WORKED.



KINDA CUTE, AIN'T HE?

BOOMERANG...

WHAT? I'M JUST SAYING, I BEEN ASKING FOR MONTHS--

NO.



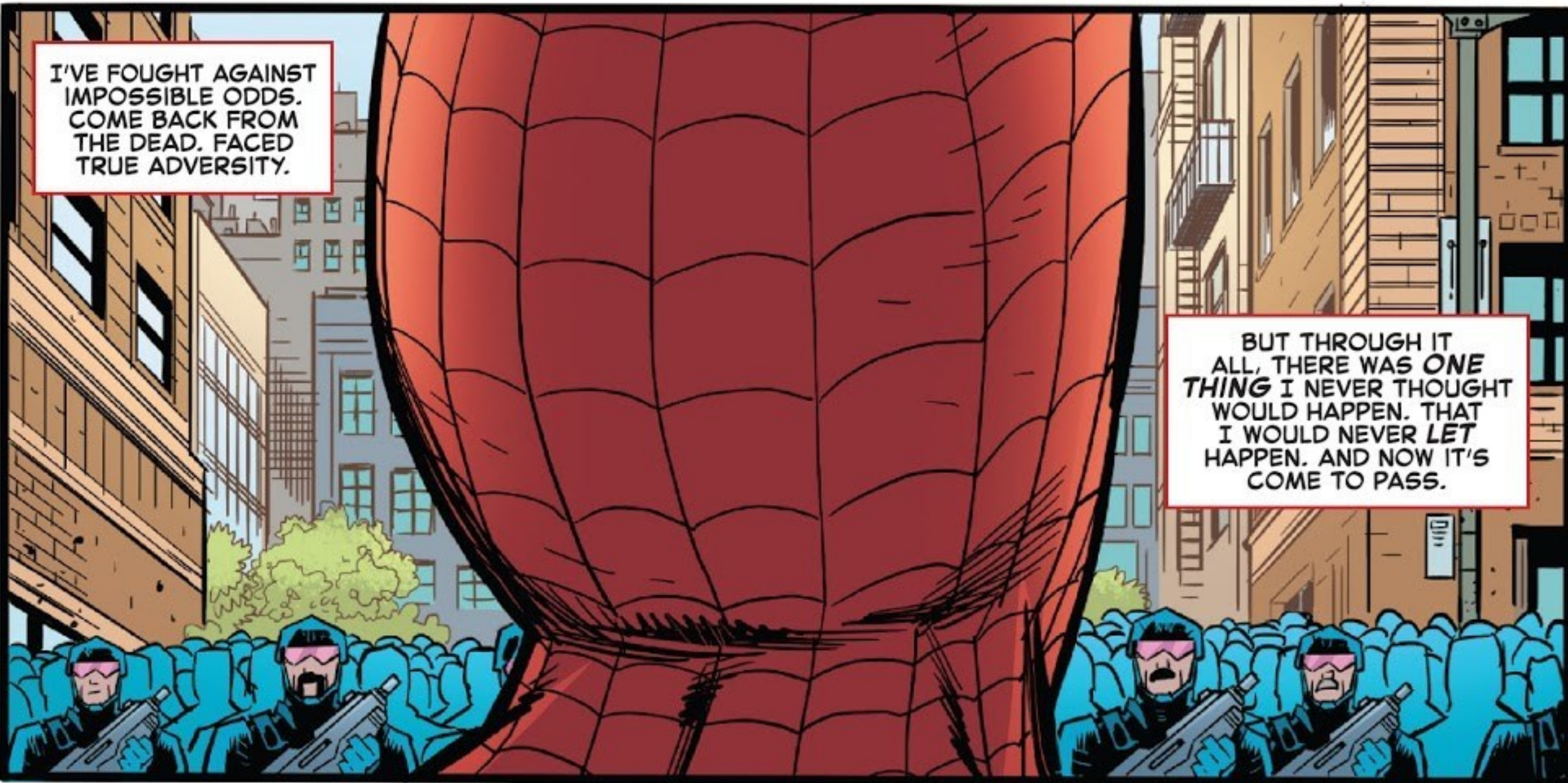
WHY NOT? LOOK AT HIM!

NO, NO, NO, NO--

C'MOOOONN--



--YOU KNOW WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM HERE.



I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS. COME BACK FROM THE DEAD. FACED TRUE ADVERSITY.

BUT THROUGH IT ALL, THERE WAS **ONE THING** I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN. THAT I WOULD NEVER **LET** HAPPEN. AND NOW IT'S COME TO PASS.





LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY COMPLEX.

THIS IS ONE RESPONSIBILITY I'VE BEEN WEIRDLY TRYING TO AVOID, THOUGH. GUESS I ALWAYS THOUGHT I'D BE TERRIBLE AT IT.

BUT SEEING GOG LIKE THIS, I CAN'T HELP BUT SENSE SOME STUFF...



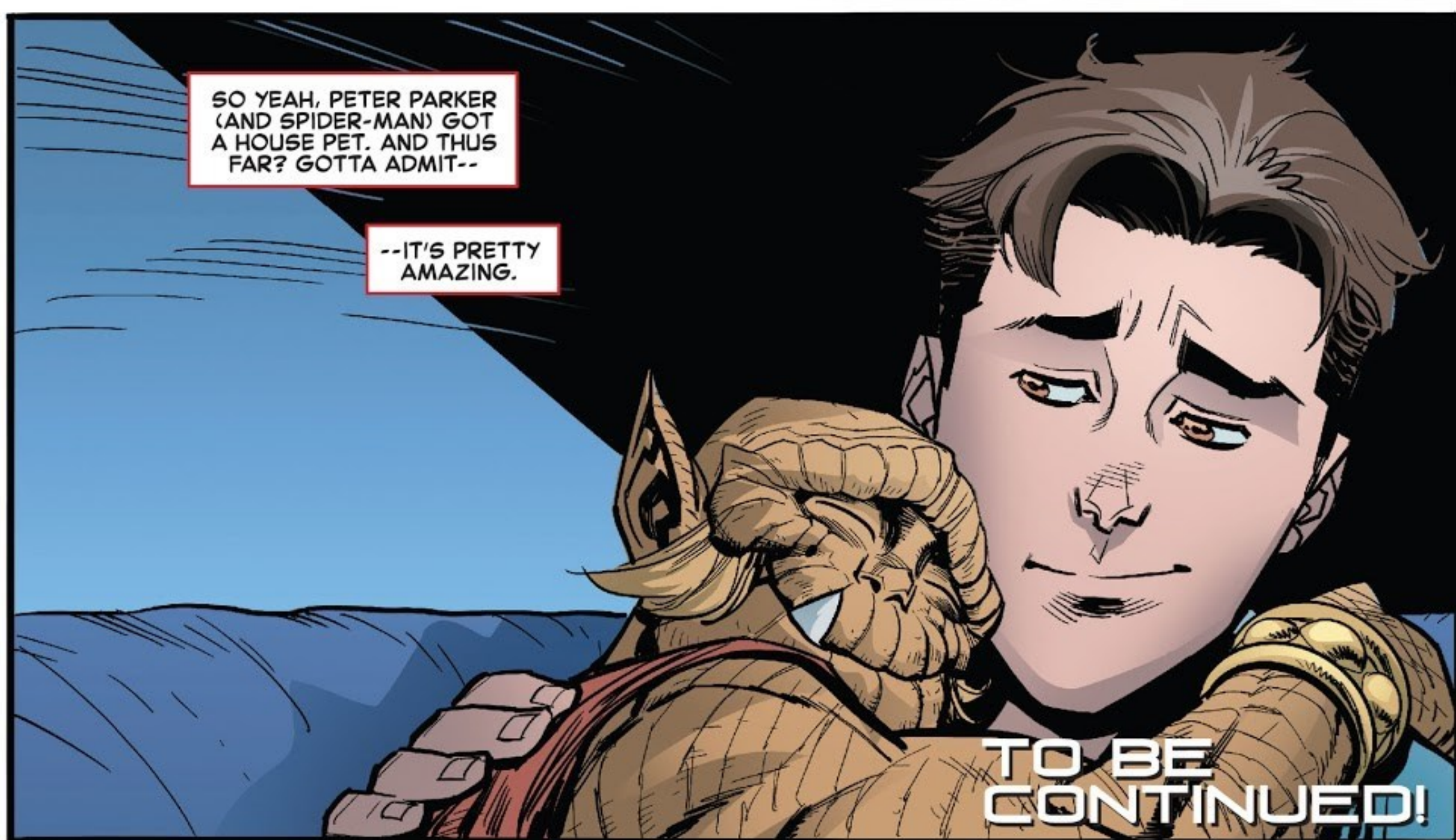
JUST A FEELING THAT WE BOTH KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE EVERYTHING.



THAT WE'RE BOTH JUST TRYING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT IN THE FACE OF THOSE TRAGEDIES.



AND HOPING WE CAN FIND OTHERS TO CARE FOR AS WE MOVE ON.

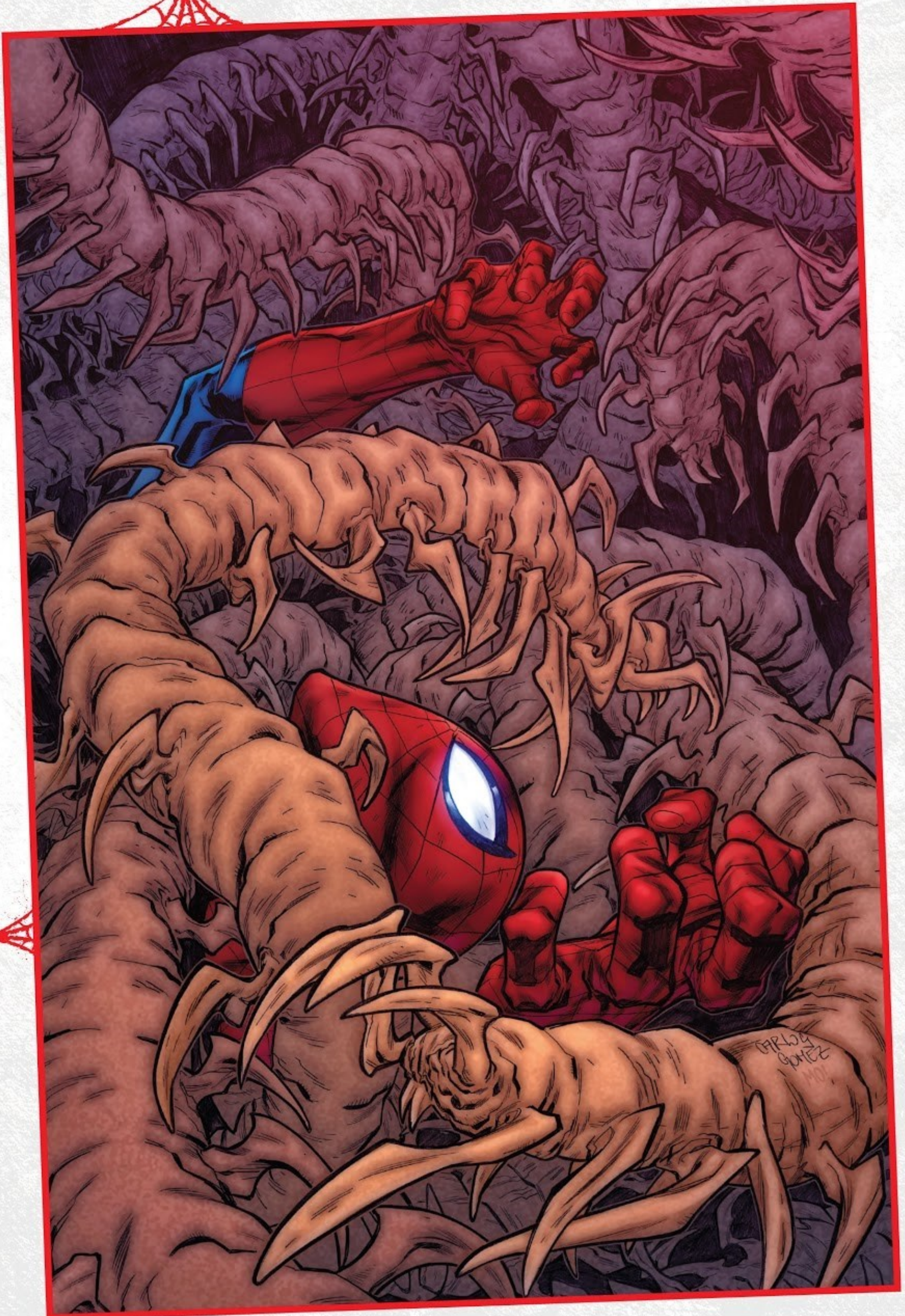


SO YEAH, PETER PARKER (AND SPIDER-MAN) GOT A HOUSE PET. AND THUS FAR? GOTTA ADMIT--

--IT'S PRETTY AMAZING.

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